

succeed, and I have seen their lives spatter out into ineffectiveness and lack of accomplishment. In the end it does not matter whether people think we are original or whether people think we are following somebody else. What matters is not what they think but ^{simply} are we doing ^{what?} and following the Lord? Are we putting Him first? ^{are we} Doing His will? But now, Elisha could have gone out and start ^{ed} a little ~~of~~ work and accomplished a lot ^{through his life.} ~~of to his work.~~ But in this situation God was determined that the work of Elijah, though years have been wasted, that the work is nevertheless to be preserved and the effect ^{is} ~~of that and~~ to some extent ^{fastened} upon Elisha. So, we cannot understand these next ^{two} chapters here if we do not realize that that is the purpose of ^{the next} ~~these~~ few chapters. The purpose ~~here~~ is to tie Elisha in people's mind together with Elijah so that something of the impression made by Elijah will be tied up ^{to} ~~with~~ Elisha and will give him a hearing ~~better~~ bigger than he could have gotten otherwise, and so in the ~~of~~ first place, ~~God~~ of course, God ^{who} worked a supernatural work. ~~Elijah~~ ^{of Elijah that had} took the mantle ~~over Elisha,~~ and ~~to it fell~~ ^{fallen from} over him, and he smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? The waters parted, and Elisha went over. On account of God's determination to destroy the Baal worship he provided this great miracle. We cannot expect such things in our days. But we ^{can} expect providential actions. And we can see the principles ^{involved} in it, that it was to tie him up with Elijah, and ^{to} see that the mantle of Elijah ~~rested~~ rested upon Elisha. And then these ~~poor~~ poor sons of the prophets, ~~had~~ ^{had} no use for them. Ignorant, superstitious, what do they know? what do they amount to? And so they saw this, and ~~he~~ ^{they} said, the spirit of Elijah does rest upon Elisha, and they came running and they bowed themselves to the ground, and they said,